SRI V. BALAKRISHNAN :—" Have Messrs. Hoe & Co. been appointed under the tender system and may I know whether their rates are the cheapest? "

THE HON. SRI N. SANKARA REDDI :—" Their rates are supposed to be cheap and they are doing it on a vast scale."

SRI T. NAGI REDDI :—" My previous question has not been answered, Sir. The Minister only said that sufficient steps are being taken. Many questions have been asked on this subject and the Members are naturally anxious to know exactly what steps are being taken for avoiding this inordinate delay in printing and supplying forms to the panchayat boards. May I know whether the Hon. Minister will give a categorical answer? "

THE HON. SRI N. SANKARA REDDI :—" I have already said that the Government are considering whether these things could be printed by the Government Press and supplied."

SRI VAVILALA GOPALAKRISHNAIAH :—" The Hon. Minister said that the rate charged by Messrs. Hoe & Co. is cheap. Are you aware that they charge an abnormal rate while printing and supplying forms to the panchayat boards? "

MR. SPEAKER :—" I am not aware of it." (Laughter.)

* 241 Q.—SRI VAVILALA GOPALAKRISHNAIAH :—" Sir, I had a talk with the Hon. the Finance Minister with regard to this question and he said that the Government are going to place the whole thing on the table of the House day after tomorrow. So I request that this question be taken up then." 8-50 a.m.

Questions 242, 243 and 244—

MR. SPEAKER :—" As questions 242, 243 and 244 relate to the same subject, they will also be taken up along with question No. 241 day after tomorrow."

Industrial development of Malabar.

* 245 Q.—SRI T. C. NARAYANA NAMBIAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries and Labour be pleased to state whether the Government received any representation from the West Coast Industrialists' Association, Kozhikode, on 23rd June 1952, praying that the Five-Year Plan be implemented in Malabar by the State Government with special reference to the industrial development of the district?

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" Yes, Sir."

SRI T. C. NARAYANA NAMBIAR :—" What are the steps the Government have taken to implement the recommendations? "

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" According to the list supplied by the West Coast industrialists, the priority projects suggested by them will cost the State Rs. 7·24 crores. Other essential projects like public health, education, etc., will cost Rs. 4 crores. The total amount thus comes to Rs. 11·24 crores. On this basis, the entire State will have to spend in the course of five years nearly Rs. 300 crores. The cost of

the Five-year Plan, according to this State's requirements, is Rs. 140 crores of which Central aid will be to the tune of Rs. 20 crores. Therefore, I have told the West Coast Industrialists' Association that the Five-Year Plan must be considered State-war and not district-war. I have also told them that under the present financial position, the implementation of their programme is not feasible."

Dr. K. B. Menon :—" Will the Government make available the proposals made by the Association to the Members from Malabar so that they may offer their criticism and reconsider the whole scheme? "

The Hon. Dr. U. Krishna Rao :—" Only to Members from Malabar and not to other Members? "

Dr. K. B. Menon :—" I have absolutely no objection to making it available to the Members from other areas as well. What I feel is it may be worthwhile for the Members from Malabar to examine the proposals because they know the particulars better than the rest."

The Hon. Dr. U. Krishna Rao :—" I was under the impression that the West Coast Industrialists' Association have supplied printed copies of the proposals to the Malabar M.L.As. But I find from the statement of the leader of the Praja Socialist group that it is not so. I shall have them supplied."

Sri V. R. Nagarajan :—" Will the Government place on the table of the House copies of the Five-Year Plan itself so that they may be useful to the Members? "

Mr. Speaker :—" It is a general question about the Five-Year Plan. I do not allow it."

Sri K. P. Gopalan :—" What are the concrete plans of the Government to develop the industries of Malabar and will the Government place on the table of the House a copy of such a plan, if any? "

Mr. Speaker :—" This is also a general question."

Levy scheme of procurement.

* 246 *Q*.—Sri S. Vemiah : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state the quantity of foodgrains procured in the State in the current fasli under levy system?

The Hon. Sri C. Subramaniam :—" The current fasli year began on 1st July 1952. There was no procurement in any part of the State from the beginning of the fasli till 31st December 1952. A levy scheme of procurement is in operation from the commencement of the calendar year 1953 in parts of the five districts of East Godavari, West Godavari, Krishna, Guntur and Tanjore. The total quantity procured under the scheme is 124,275 tons in terms of rice up to 7th March 1953. There is no procurement of any other foodgrains."